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Dear Sir:

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date <small>MM-DD-YYYY</small>	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
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	A2	4,218,216	08/19/1980	Sugai, et al.
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	B1	FR 2447460	08/22/21980	Eriksson	
	B2	EP 0853925	07/22/1998	Sirona Dental System	

OTHER PRIOR ART		
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	C1	Medtronic Midas Rex, "Medtronic Midas Rex Instrumentation System", Instruction Manual, 2000, pages 1-24.

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